

# CITY OF LAKE FOREST *California*



## APRIL NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

### **Save the Date: Civic Center Groundbreaking Ceremony**

Friday, May 12

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Future Civic Center (corner of Bake Pkwy. and Commercentre Dr.)



The new Civic Center, dubbed Lake Forest's 100-Year Home, is expected to break ground in mid-May, officially marking the beginning of construction. Community members are invited to a Civic Center groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, May 12 for this significant landmark project. No RSVP required.

Next Steps - The recent approval of the Design Development Phase, allows the architect to prepare Construction Documents and Drawings. Once the Construction Documents are completed, the City will initiate the Request for Bid process and issue individual multi-prime construction contracts in late 2017.

[Civic Center Webpage](#)

### **Village Pond Park Improvement Project Wildlife Relocation Progress Report**

AquaBio Environmental Technologies began the wildlife relocation process. Since the fence was installed, AquaBio biologists regularly visit

the park to feed the animals and establish feeding stations to ensure a consistent proper diet. At this stage, AquaBio has found housing for all the ducks and geese who will be placed in their forever homes by the end of the month while the turtles will be relocated to the Orange County Turtle and Tortoise Club. Domestic fish will be housed until AquaBio receives final instructions from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.



[Village Pond Park Webpage](#)

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## 2016 Resident and Business Survey Identifies Community Priorities and Reveals Satisfaction Rates

The 2016 Resident and Business Survey results reveal that 81% of residents and 87% of businesses are satisfied with the City's efforts to provide municipal services. Unlike previous surveys, the 2016 survey used a "mixed-methodology" approach, allowing participants to respond via email, which set a new standard for future surveys. The City uses the results of the survey to drive strategic decisions in areas such as service improvements and enhancements, measuring and tracking internal performance, budgeting, and policy-making and planning. A full report is available at [lakeforestca.gov/2016Survey](http://lakeforestca.gov/2016Survey).

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## Dogs on Leashes Campaign: #RockTheLeashLF

At a local park with your canine friend? Don't forget to Rock the Leash, it's the law. To help remind community members the importance of leashing your dog when at a City park, we're encouraging participation in the following contests:



### 1. "Park 'n Leash" Check In Sweepstakes

Deadline: Monday, April 10

Visit a City park, take a picture of your dog on a leash, check in on the [City's Facebook page](#) with a picture of your dog and tag it with #RockTheLeashLF.

### 2. #RockTheLeashLF Facebook Photo Contest

Deadline: Friday, April 14

Take a picture of your dog with a stylish leash and upload the photo on the [Rock the Leash photo contest app](#).

### 3. "Say It and Obey It" Leash Tips Contest

Deadline: Tuesday, May 30

Email a tip on how you train or manage your dog to be on a leash to [chon@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:chon@lakeforestca.gov). Top tips will be featured in a Leaflet magazine.

[Dogs on Leashes Community Contests](#)

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**Parking and Overnight Storage of Oversized Vehicles Prohibited on City**

## Streets

To discourage long-term parking on City streets and maintain neighborhood aesthetics, overnight parking of vehicles with attached trailers in residential areas is prohibited. This includes unattended 18-wheelers such as tractor-trailers, truck and trailer combinations, tractor-trailer buses, tanker vehicles, livestock carriers, and flatbeds. The new law does not apply to recreational vehicles parked overnight for loading and unloading purposes only or vehicles with attached trailers parked on private property. Vehicles in violation are subject to a \$46 citation. For questions or comments, contact James Wren, Public Safety Manager, at 282-5215.

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## Deputy Chet Parker's Goodwill Gesture Finds Resources and Housing for the Homeless

From providing long-term solutions to fulfilling unmet life necessities, Homeless Liaison Officer Chet Parker is breaking the homeless cycle one person at a time. Over the past two years, HLO Parker has helped over 50 homeless individuals in Lake Forest, connecting them with resources and services. These include providing individuals with a bed to sleep in, vouchers for food, socks and clothes to keep warm, permanent housing, and even reuniting some individuals with their families. More info about the Homeless Liaison program [here](#).



## Recycled Water Used at Darrin Park

The City is now using recycled water at Darrin Park for landscape irrigation. The conversion from drinking (potable) water to recycled water will save over 11 acre-feet (4.9 million gallons) of potable water each year, a 7% increase from previous years. While not all sites are suitable due to lack of recycled water infrastructure or associated costs, the conversion project is part of the City's ongoing Capital Improvement Projects to convert irrigation areas to recycled water in several parts of the City.

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## City Council Approves Construction of Three Hotels

Starting this summer, the following hotels will begin construction near the Lake Forest Drive/I-5 Freeway intersection and are expected to be completed next year. More information will be available on the City's website as the projects move forward.

- A 208-room Hampton Inn/Homewood Suites
- A 112-room TownePlace Suites
- A 102-room Springhill Suites

## Cox Customers Affected by a Regional Sports Surcharge

In early March, Cox customers subscribed to "Essential TV" or higher may have seen a \$6 Regional Sports Surcharge applied to their bill. According to Cox, while the provider continues to absorb a large portion of the costs, a portion of the costs associated with the delivery of regional sports networks was passed down to Cox customers due to the high cost of TV sports rights. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local Cox office found on your monthly statement.

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## April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Technology allows us to make phone calls, dictate texts or emails, and update social media while driving - all actions that are proven to increase crash risk. The National Safety Council observes April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month to draw attention to this epidemic and wants to remind the community, ***It Can Wait, Safety First***. When you're behind the wheel, drivers should not text, update social media, check or send emails, take photos or videos, or input destinations into GPS while the vehicle is in motion.

## IRWD's "Overwatering is Out" Photo Contest Celebrating California Friendly Landscapes

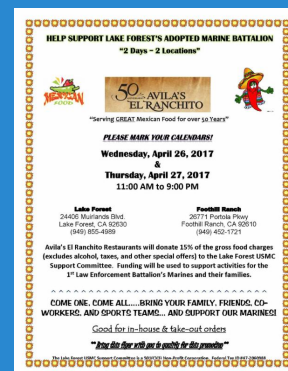
A call to Orange County residents to share California Friendly Landscape photos for a chance to win great prizes! Voting opens April 13 and the deadline to submit photos is May 16. Visit the Irvine Ranch Water District's [website](http://overwateringisout.org/photo-contest) for contest details and requirements.



## Two Ways to Support the Lake Forest Adopted Marines

The Support Committee is announcing two opportunities to support the Lake Forest U.S.M.C. 1st Law Enforcement Battalion. Here is how you can help:

- Eat at any [Avila El Ranchito](#) locations in Lake Forest (24406 Muirlands Blvd. or 26771 Portola Pkwy.) on Wednesday, April 26 or Thursday, April 27, where 15% of food charges will go to support the marines and their families.
- Register your Ralphs Rewards Card (or obtain one and register it) with the Ralphs' Community Contribution Program. A percentage of the purchases made using registered Rewards cards will be donated to benefit our adopted Marines and their families. Step-by-step instructions are found at [Ralphs.com](http://Ralphs.com). Call 1-800-443-4438 for assistance. The organization full name is Lake Forest USMC Support Committee and the NPO number is #81992.



## Lights, Camera, Safety! Video Contest

Deadline: Monday, April 10

If you like being on camera, here is your chance to be in the spotlight! Submit a brief 15-second or less video sharing a safety tip or two on how to keep you, your family, and property safe. Selected videos will be featured in a City crime prevention video and be entered into a raffle drawing for a chance to win a Wireless Security Camera and other safety prizes!

[Video Contest Rules](#)

## Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

**BUSINESS  
SMART  
WORKSHOP**

**Learn what  
it takes to  
have a  
successful  
start-up**

Sponsored by:

- Entrepreneurship with the  
University of Maryland
- SBDC
- Small Business  
Development  
Center

In this workshop you will:

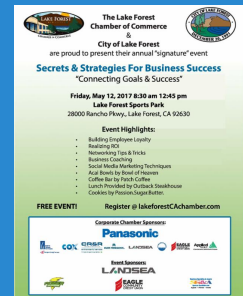
- Gain a basic understanding of the key steps to starting your business off the ground
- Learn about various financing options and what banks look for when lending money
- Learn about the local resources available to assist you in starting and growing your business

Register at [www.southcoastbiz.com](http://www.southcoastbiz.com) or call 508.665.3513.

Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

## Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

The Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce and City are hosting a free half-day Secrets & Strategies for Business Success seminar for current and prospective entrepreneurs that will entail informative sessions from experts in their given industries. Business owners can visit various business resource booths and form collaborative business partnerships. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. RSVP [online](#) or contact 461-3558.



## A collection of sports equipment including a basketball, a football, a soccer ball, a baseball, and a hockey puck.

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The public session

starts at 7:00 p.m. Full agendas and City Council Previews providing an overview of each agenda item can be accessed [here](#).

- Tuesday, April 18, 2017
- Tuesday, May 2, 2017
- Tuesday, May 16, 2017
- Tuesday, June 6, 2017

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL 2017

To Register: Visit [Lake Forest Recreation](#), mail or hand-deliver the Lake Forest Activities Registration Form to City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive) or to the Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Parkway). For more information, call 461-3450 or 273-6960.

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### Advisory Committee for Teens (A.C.T.)

Wednesday, April 12 & Thursday April 27

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

Help make a difference by planning activities and excursions, volunteering at City events, and serving as a voice in your community. The committee meets twice a month and interested teens must have gone through registration and an interview to attend. For more information, call 273-6975 or email [Monique Villasenor](#).

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### College Workshop: Playing the Financial Aid Game

Thursday, April 27

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

Fee: \$25 Resident and \$30 Non-Resident



Build a deeper understanding of the financial aid process. Learn how to save thousands of dollars on the cost of college and how to avoid common mistakes. Also, learn about Merit Aid vs. Need-based Aid, EEFC calculation, and net price calculator. Parents are free with paid student and are encouraged to attend.

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### "Last Fridays" Lounge Nights

Friday, April 28

6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

Fee: \$5 per person pre-registered and \$7 per person at the door

Give your parents the night off and enjoy good times with friends. There will be video games, dinner and snacks, movie screenings, music, activities, prize raffles, and surprise guest entertainers! Grab your friends and pre-register to receive a discount.

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## Special Needs Resource Fair

Saturday, April 29

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sports Park and Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

The 2nd Annual Special Needs Resource Fair is a unique opportunity for families and caregivers to learn more about resources available to the special needs community. The free event will feature special guests, giveaways, and access to over 30 exhibitor booths with a wealth of information ranging from autism services to recreational sports and activities.



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## Rancho Days Fiesta at Heritage Hill Historical Park

Saturday, May 6

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Heritage Hill Historical Park (25151 Serrano Rd.)

Fee: \$5 per person; Children under the age of 3 are free

Celebrate the rich history of Orange County's Mexican Ranchos and Native American tribes at Rancho Days Fiesta with music, dance, crafts, and hands-on demonstrations. Registration will be on the day of the event only. For more information, call 923-2230.

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## 10th Annual Aliso Creek Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 13

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Cherry Ave. and Fernbank St. (southwest of Cherry Park)



The City and Wal-Mart are teaming up for the 10th Annual Aliso Creek Clean-Up Day as residents and community groups help remove litter and debris from the creek. Gloves, trash bags, volunteer shirts, snacks, and beverages will be provided. Appropriate footwear, sunscreen, and a hat are recommended. All volunteers must sign a waiver and volunteer application. For more information, call 273-6960.

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## CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

**March 7, 2017**

### [PROPOSED SPONSORSHIP OF THE JIMMY O MEMORIAL HOOP IT UP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT \(Agenda Item No. 7\)](#)

The City Council was proud to sponsor the Jimmy O' Memorial Hoop It Up Basketball tournament, by approving a \$600 contribution to offset park user fees at the Lake Forest Sports Park. Named after fallen Firefighter James M. Owen, the annual tournament is sponsored by the Orange County Fire Authority Benevolent Association and the Orange County Professional Firefighters Union.

Local 3631. Funds raised through the tournament support the organizations' charitable giving, which includes hardship loans, grants, scholarships, and death benefits to the families of fallen firefighters.

### [RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND PLANNED SIGN PROGRAM FOR THE SPRINGHILL SUITES MARRIOTT HOTEL AT LAKE FOREST GATEWAY \(Agenda Item No. 10\)](#)

City Council approved a 102-room Springhill Suites by Marriot at the Gateway Center following a public hearing on the proposed hotel and the underground parking structure. The new development is adjacent to the I-5 Freeway and Lake Forest Drive and will provide additional parking for the Gateway Center.

### [CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE VILLAGE POND PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT \(Agenda Item No. 12\)](#)

The renovation of Village Pond Park moved to the construction stage with the approval of a \$2.1 million contract with United Engineering & Construction. Over time, a large number of waterfowl made the park their home resulting in health and maintenance concerns. The renovation project offers several features to address the waterfowl population, including installing low fences to discourage drive-up feeding of the birds, placing boulders and large shrubs around the edge of the pond to simulate potential predator habitats to discourage nesting, installing water geysers and a floating island to disrupt the flight pattern of birds, and putting in a new irrigation system that draws water from the lake which improves circulation and overall water quality.

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**March 21, 2017**

### [2016 RESIDENT AND BUSINESS SATISFACTION SURVEY \(Agenda Item No. 4\)](#)

Every two years, the City conducts a Resident and Business Satisfaction survey to obtain an understanding of the community's satisfaction, priorities, and concerns as they relate to services and facilities provided by the City. True North Research has conducted this study since 1998, providing statistically relevant data which the City uses to inform decisions and planning for its Five-Year Strategic Business Plan. This year's survey reveals that a majority of residents (81%) and businesses (87%) approve of the City's efforts to provide municipal services and are satisfied with the results.

### [CIVIC CENTER DESIGN DEVELOPMENT \(Agenda Item No. 16\)](#)

The City Council took another milestone step toward authorizing construction of the new Lake Forest Civic Center. Building on the Conceptual Design, the architects and City staff completed the Design Development phase of the project, finalizing the buildings' floorplans, interior and exterior finishes, and placement on the Civic Center campus. The City Council also approved a seven-member dais, authorized the project managers to apply for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification, and authorized progression to the Construction Drawings phase where the architects will prepare the bid drawings for the actual construction.

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Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
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